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SENECA DAMAGED BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Oigin Of Flames Unknown, Both Hotels Go Up In Smoke.

SOME WILD RUMORS.

Talk of Incendiarism and Race Hatred When Sifted Proved to Be Groundless Town Was Quiet Yesterday, But Stunned By Great Loss.

Seneca, Oct. 17.—The prosperous young city of Seneca was visited by a disastrous fire last night, in which two hotels, three stores, a restaurant, a meat shop, a residence and a barber shop were completely destroyed.

When some of the guests of the Oconee Inn were retiring last evening they thought they could smell smoke and they made some little investigation and finally decided it must be the smoke from the lamps in the building. Shortly after midnight Mr. C. H. Ellison, the owner and proprietor of the Oconee Inn, was awakened by a heavy smoke in his room. He, with his clerk, Claude Sittou, came down stairs to investigate the trouble. On reaching the dining room, which is on the first floor, they discovered the building on fire. When they reached the scene there was only a small flame which, it seems, had started under the floor of the butler's pantry between the dining room and the kitchen. Mr. Ellison and Mr. Sittou made heroic attempts to extinguish the flames, but on account of the scarcity of water, the flames made much headway, and the building was soon in a mass of flames. There was a basement under the kitchen and butler's pantry, which contained about five tons of soft coal. The basement was securely locked and right in the basement the fire originated.

The fire quickly spread and L. A. Moore's grocery and glassware store was soon in flames. The Seneca pharmacy came next and then the large Palmetto hotel. After the flames had reached the Palmetto hotel it was only a matter of a few moments before Hunt & Harper's fine dry goods store was on fire. On the other side of the Oconee Inn was a boarding house kept by Mrs. John Anderson, but owned by L. M. Coleman. This building was a two-story frame building and was inviting to the angry flames. Garrett's restaurant, next door to Mrs. Anderson's, was next in line and the flames leaped to the roof of this building, and it did not take many minutes to make this building look like a mass of coals.

Mr. B. F. Soan had a small frame building next to Garrett's restaurant, and it was necessary to place six sticks of dynamite and a keg of blasting powder under this building, and a nice job of "blowing up" was accomplished, which in all probability saved the next large brick store building.

A Certain Cure For Croup Used For Ten Years Without a Failure.

Mr. W. C. Bott, a Star City, Ind. hard wro merchant, is enthusiastic in his praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. His children have all been subject to croup and he has used this remedy for the past ten years, and though they much feared the croup, his wife and he always felt safe upon retiring when a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was subject to severe attacks of croup, but this remedy never failed to effect a speedy cure. He has recommended it to friends and neighbors and all who have used it say that it is unequalled for croup and whooping cough. For sale by Pickens Drug Co.

—H. A. Lichey has just received a car load of Roxanne and Obelisk flour.

ZEKE AT CATEECHEE.

"Soft Soaps" Those People and "Blows" This Paper.

Catechee, Oct. 15.—I wish to congratulate the proprietors, management and entire office force on the decided improvement in the last number of the Sentinel. It was a good number and ranks well with any weekly in the State. I have heard many happy comments on it and here "is hoping" you may all "live long and prosper."

As you will see I am out at Catechee and still on the same old grind. But I am growing weary and often feel that it is about time to throw aside the brush again, hit it for pastures now and join the "print shop" gang. There is something more agreeable in the odor of printers' ink than paint.

Last week I took my first tour through a cotton mill. Some of the machines seem to have almost human intelligence, but I shall not try to tell you "how the old things work" for it is all Greek to me. But as the mill is neat, clean and airy, and the work light and pay good, if I had a few more years on the sunny side of life instead of past the ridge pole with my face to the setting sun, I would join the army myself and become an operator. Now, Jim, don't smile for it is not on that account, although they are a mighty good looking lot. Catechee is very prettily situated and is probably the most healthy of any mill town in the State. The drainage is absolutely perfect and the houses scattered through the groves, most away from the main street, and as they are not all painted of the same color, the town does not have the appearance of one of those towns where the white houses are stuck in a row like tombstones giving the town a grave yard look and where a stranger involuntarily glances over his shoulder expecting to see the "Ghost Walk" when the clock strikes twelve. One of those towns gives me the "horror" and sets me thinking of the "dry bones in the valley."

The operatives at the Catechee mill have many advantages and should be contented and happy and I believe they are, as they are all well dressed and prosperous looking and I see but few idlers. The future welfare of the young is not forgotten and Catechee has a good school. The building is a large two story structure, well lighted and ventilated, neatly finished within and without and equipped with modern desks and appliances.

The school is in a flourishing condition, with Valley Woodruff as principal and Miss Neita Clayton assistant. The young ladies are very popular with the older set of the town, and being possessed of a remarkable degree of patience are beloved by the pupils under their charge. Perhaps they may not rate with Job in this respect, but we find no record of J b ever presiding over a mill town school. Boils are not in it with some of those kids.

The company conducts a general store, the building being very large and commodious and situated at the intersection of several roads making it very convenient, not only for the operatives, but for the farmers of the surrounding country.

A very large line of general merchandise is carried and is under the management of Mr. T. A. Gary, with Mr. S. W. Craig, Mr. T. W. Young and Mr. J. E. Christopher as assistants.

Mr. Norris made a very happy selection in his corps of salesman, having an eye not only to business ability, affable and gentlemanly manners, but also personal appearance, as these young men are what the ladies would term "decidedly pretty."

For the benefit of "whom it may concern," I wish to state, that Mr. Gary is married and therefore out of the market, but Messrs. Craig, Young and Christopher are not only willing, but are on the matrimonial anxious seat and smile alike on widows, spinsters, old maids and misses, with a decided preference for handsome young ladies.

This comes as a reminder that "advertising counts." Under the persistent and effectual advertising of Alonzo Brown, N. P., Catechee is fast becoming the "Gretna Green" of South Carolina, the Mecca of runaway couples and love sick youngsters and Alonzo is building up an extensive and lucrative business in tying of the "knot that binds." But Alonzo has his setbacks and his troubles. Last Sunday he received a hurry up call from Norris to tie the knot in time to dodge the irate old man, who was in hot pursuit. In his haste to reach the station he failed to notice a low hanging telephone wire which caught his buggy top, carrying it by the board, leaving our "worthy" in the buggy box minus a seat. The result being that Alonzo missed his job and his dollar, and he is now busy studying the code to see if he has not cause for a damage suit against the Bell Telephone Co.

We cannot vouch for the following, but it is told that when he first received his commission he knew but little about the marriage ceremony, never having had any experience in that particular line. One day a couple appeared before him and as might be expected he was somewhat frustrated, but love of the dollar overcame his modesty and he told the couple to join their right hands and then got off the following:

"Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?"

"I do."

"Do you take this man to be your lawful wedded husband?"

"I do."

"I now pronounce you man and wife and bind you over to the Superior Court of Pickens county."

Evidently Alonzo was not aware at that time that there was no divorce law in South Carolina. Jim, I am still able to eat three rations a day and never fail. I am very pleasantly situated at the home of G. W. Poore. Mr. Poore is slasher in the mill, if you know what that means. I don't, and as he sets a slashing good table I ask no questions.

By the way, why don't you shake up our "county fathers" on the road question? Just whisper loudly that a little work on the roads would not be amiss. The mud has gone but the holes and ruts are very much in evidence, and "oh Lordy how bad I feel," for I rode to Salem and return last Sunday in company with S. W. Craig, where we attended the Association. There was a large number in attendance and plenty of dinner, but I got very nervous towards the end, fearful we would not reach home before the shades of night. That young man was slow to start, and while he was slow company his only subject for conversation was "The girl he left him." She had better move to Catechee or Mr. Norris will lose one of his salesmen.

Rev. Sam Jones Dies on Sleeping Car, He is Thought to Have Passed Away About Four O'clock Monday Morning.

BODY IS EXPECTED AT CARTERSVILLE TUESDAY.

Funeral Will Probably Be Conducted in Great Tabernacle at His Home Bearing His Name.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 10.—Rev. Sam P. Jones died on the Rock Island train, No. 4, eastbound, at Perry, this state this morning, presumably, of heart failure. The evangelist was en route home to celebrate the fifty-ninth anniversary of his birthday with a family reunion.

He retired in the best of health last night in high spirits and arose feeling fine. He talked with the members of his party for some time regarding plans for the future and of the most successful meeting in Oklahoma City, which closed yesterday.

Later he spoke of feeling badly. His daughter brought hot water and he apparently recovered. In a short time it was apparent that he was very ill and all possible was done to relieve him.

When Perry was reached he was reclining in the arms of his co-worker, Rev. Walt Holcomb, and surrounded by three members of his immediate family, he peacefully and quietly passed away as in falling into a refreshing sleep. Mrs. Jones, his wife, and Mrs. Annie Pyron and Miss Julia Jones, daughters, were with him at the time of his death. The body was brought to Little Rock, where Reubel prepared it for interment. Mrs. Jones will continue east tonight, accompanied by the body.

Rev. Holcomb went to Memphis on No. 4 to make arrangements for a special train to convey the body to Cartersville, Ga., where the interment will take place.

Rev. George Stuart, old-time associate, Rev. Walt Holcomb and Rev. J. A. Bowen, of Mississippi, will conduct services. Rev. E. O. Excel, noted singer, will render songs of the noted evangelist.

The death of Sam Jones is in keeping with his wishes, as he often expressed a desire to die in the service of his Master for whom he has served for thirty-five years. Members of the family are well nigh prostrated with grief at a hotel in this city. They go east tonight. Mrs. Jones and daughters have been invited by Rev. W. F. Andrews, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, to make his residence their home while here. The ladies refused to leave Reubel's undertaking establishment, however, until time to take the Rock Island train this afternoon.

The Shriners of the city appointed a committee to escort the body to Memphis, the committee consisting of George Wood, John H. Bond, J. S. Barkman, M. Ringlehaupt and C. C. Price. Mr. Jones held a high rank in Masonry, for which order he held the highest regard.

Farm For Sale.

A 119 acre farm for sale, joining lands of Rev. W. C. Seal or A. B. Higgins and Philip Robinson 75 acres in cultivation, 25 acres in high state of cultivation, 25 acres well timbered, two splendid dwelling houses and necessary outbuildings, two good wire pastures, contains some bottom land and is well watered, four miles from Norris Cotton Mill, six miles from Liberty and five miles Pickens, C. H. in Praters section, a good outlet, Price \$30.00 per acre. Address Julia M. Bolding, R. F. D. No. 2, Pickens S. C. 26 Nov.

NEWS FROM EASLEY.

Items From This Thriving Town and Community.

Personals and Other Matters.

Easley, S. C., 17th Oct. '06. Last evening while Earle (Pat) Jennings was in the store of A. G. Wyatt & Co., in company with Richard Wyatt and others and inspecting an "unloaded" .32-calibre pistol, while in the hands of Mr. Wyatt, was discharged and the ball ploughed its way through the calf of Jennings' left leg. It is not a dangerous wound, and as the bone is not shattered it is to be hoped that he will be all right in a short time. The shooting was entirely accidental and no one was to blame.

Last week we stated that in one day twenty cars of goods were received here for our merchants. A like statement was published in our paper here as well as in some of our nearby dailies, so I took it as a matter of fact, but since then on making inquiry I find that while the twenty cars were set off here, sixteen of them were for the Pickens merchants and twelve of them were carried over in one day by the "doodle" leaving four for our town but we are still doing business, all right nevertheless notwithstanding.

Little Miss Marie Hiott, daughter of Rev. D. W. Hiott, is quite sick, and has been since last Saturday, with fever. It is to be hoped that it is nothing serious.

A building boom has struck our town and everybody either has a structure under way or is contemplating erecting commodious buildings. Bob Latham has one of the prettiest building sites in town and is putting up a fine house on it.

A good deal of cotton is being sold here; the prevailing price has been around the 11c mark.

Our graded school is in a very flourishing condition now over 200 pupils being enrolled. We have a good corps of teachers and this is the best town in the Piedmont in which to educate your children.

The oil mill and ginnyery is running full blast, and 600 bales of cotton ginned was their record for last week.

R. O. Pickens, wife and little son are visiting relatives in town. Mr. Pickens, who is a former Easley boy, is a resident of Spartanburg where he has a nice business.

C. H. Alexander, of Pickens, was in town yesterday on his way to Atlanta.

Several of our citizens attended the fair at Greenville this week.

Mrs. R. F. Smith, of this place, and Mrs. A. R. Ansel, of Greenville, visited in Atlanta last week.

We note that Rev. D. W. Hiott a very popular Baptist divine, has been re-elected as pastor at Pisgah. C. B. Hagood has sold his beautiful home here to J. O. Pickens. Mr. Hagood will shortly become a citizen of Pickens.

Miss Zerna V. Sittou was married on the 15th instant to G. W. Pope, of Cambridge, Mass. Rev. F. D. Hunt, of Greenville, officiated. The marriage was a quiet affair and took place at the home of the bride's mother near Easley. Easley now has a wholesale firm,

NO BED OF ROSES.

Friends of the Dispensary Tell That They Will Be Able to Save It in Spite of Antagonistic House.

Columbia, October 16.—It seems that the State dispensary will go before the next legislature heavily indicted by the summer primaries, but whether a pro-dispensary senate will be able to save its life in spite of another anti-dispensary house remains to be seen. Still it is confidently calculated among the friends of the dispensary that even if the legislature does repeal the present law and pass something in the nature of the Morgan local option law affording the counties choice between prohibition and county dispensary, with perhaps high license for Charleston, the state dispensary will remain alive for at least two years, and possibly forever.

They figure that out by saying that in case the state dispensary is abolished injunction proceedings will be immediately begun with vigor, which will tie the matter up in the courts for two years at least. The injunction proceedings will be based on the contention that was made from time to time during the state campaign, and in fact in the last legislature, that any law of the general nature proposed by the Morgan bill would be in conflict with the constitution.

So whatever else may be said about the coming contest it is certain that the anti-dispensary people have no bed of roses ahead of them.

OUR RURAL FRIENDS.

Poultry and eggs continue to be the most valuable farm product in spite of bumper crops.

There are private estimates out that the corn crop would aggregate 3,000,000,000 bushels or over.

The Cuban government has purchased 500 horses to be used in the rebellion in that republic and want 1,500 more.

America can and will under certain conditions grow over 30,000,000 bales of cotton, nearly three times as much as is now grown.

Farm lands in America have increased in value six billion dollars since 1900; in other words, in the past five years the increase of value amounted to one-third.

It is said that the Government is doing all possible to aid the State of Florida in its efforts to drain the Everglades and thereby reclaim 1,000,000 acres of virgin soil.

Nebraska expects to have enough corn this year to feed the civilized peoples of the world for six months, if necessary. Let the coal trust beware. We can all burn corn next winter, if necessary.

If every farmer would be as persistent in cleaning the roadsides of weeds as the railroads are in keeping their right of way clean, it would add greatly to the beauty of the country. Compare some of the public roads with the railroads and the former suffers by comparison.

Make a bin in the stable and store up several loads of dry loam dust these hot days. It is invaluable in keeping down stable odors and in catching and holding ammonia and stable liquids that otherwise would waste. This dust is as valuable as plaster and may be safely considered worth \$2 per load. It is indispensable in the poultry house also.

They Make You Feel Good.

The pleasant purgative effect experienced by all who use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and the healthy condition of the body and mind which they create makes one feel joyful. Price, 25 cents. Sample free at Pickens Drug Co.

Sore Nipples and Chapped Hands are quickly cured by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Try it; it is a success. Price 25 cents.